

ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE

MR. BRAND (Greenough—Premier)
[9.2 p.m.]: I move—

That the House do now adjourn.

In moving this motion, I would like to inform members that the House will not be sitting during Royal Show week. I say this now to give members fair warning so they will be able to make plans.

Question put and passed.

House adjourned at 9.3 p.m.

Legislative Council

Wednesday, the 2nd August, 1967

The **PRESIDENT** (The Hon. L. C. Diver) took the Chair at 4.30 p.m., and read prayers.

QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE

SITTINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Royal Show Week

The Hon. W. F. WILLESEE asked the Minister for Mines:

I would like your permission, Mr. President, to ask the Leader of the House a question without notice.

The **PRESIDENT**: Permission granted.

The Hon. W. F. WILLESEE: My question is: Can the Minister advise the House of any arrangements that might have been made in connection with Show Week?

The Hon. A. F. GRIFFITH replied:

The Premier, in another place last night, said the Legislative Assembly would not be sitting during Show Week; and so that members of this House will be in a position to make any necessary arrangements, I can answer the question by saying that we in this Chamber will not be sitting during Show Week, either.

The Hon. W. F. Willesee: Thank you.

QUESTIONS (10): ON NOTICE

MARKETING OF POTATOES ACT

Contraventions

1. The Hon. V. J. FERRY asked the Minister for Justice:

(1) How many convictions have been obtained over the period the 1st January to the 31st July, 1967, against persons contravening the provisions of the Marketing of Potatoes Act?

(2) What has been the nature of these offences?

(3) How many legal actions are pending against alleged offences under the Act?

(4) What is the nature of the alleged offences?

The Hon. A. F. GRIFFITH replied:

(1) to (4) The information requested is being obtained and will be made available as soon as possible.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLIES

Charges and Trading Results

2. The Hon. H. C. STRICKLAND asked the Minister for Mines:

(1) What charge per unit is made by the State Electricity Commission for—

(a) domestic power to householders; and

(b) domestic and industrial power to farmers within the metropolitan area?

(2) Outside of the metropolitan area, which towns and districts are supplied by the State Electricity Commission, and what are the charges in each town and district for—

(a) domestic power to householders; and

(b) domestic and industrial power to farmers?

(3) Are all supplies profitable—if not, which are unprofitable?

(4) What was the overall profit or loss from trading in electricity made by the State Electricity Commission in each of the last five years?

(5) Is it the intention of the Government to extend S.E.C. services throughout the State at a uniform charge to consumers?

The Hon. A. F. GRIFFITH replied:

(1) (a) 1.9c per unit plus fixed charge of \$1 per quarter.

(b) For consumers engaged in primary production on a commercial scale

First	12 units per month	5-80 cents per unit
Next	12 " " "	4.10 " "
Next	4,976 " " "	2.70 " "
Next	135,000 " " "	1.85 " "
Next	380,000 " " "	1.65 " "
All over 500,000	" " "	1.40 " "

(2) List of Towns and Districts Supplied by State Electricity Commission Outside the Metropolitan Area:

Albany, Allanson, Argyle, Augusta, Australind, Baandee, Baker's Hill, Balingup, Beelerup, Belka, Benger, Beverley, Boyanup, Boyup Brook, Bridgetown, Brookton, Broomehill, Brunswick Junction, Bullfinch, Bullsbrook, Bunbury, Buckingham, Burekup, Busselton, Capel, Carbanup, Chidlow, Clackline, Collie,

Collie Burn, Collie Cardiff, Cookernup, Coolup, Cowaramup, Cranbrook, Cuballing, Cunderdin, Dardanup, Dean Mill, Denmark, Diamond Tree, Dinninup, Donnybrook, Doodlakine, Dowerin, Dumbleyung, Dunsborough, Dwellingup, Eaton, Elgin, Elleker, Forest Grove, Furnissdale, Gnowangerup, Goomalling, Grass Valley, Greenbushes, Grimwade, Harvey, Hester, Hines Hill, Hamel, Jardee, Jarrahdale, Jennacubbine, Kalgan, Kamballup, Karridale, Katanning, Kellerberrin, Kendenup, Keysbrook, Kirup, Kojonup, Koojeda, Koolyanobbing, Kudardup, Kununoppin, Lowden, Lower King River, Ludlow, Mandurah, Manjimup, Margaret River, Marvel Loch, MacAlinden, Meckering, Merredin, Metricup, Miami, Minding, Morawa, Mt. Barker, Mt. Helena, Mullalyup, Mundaring, Mundi-jong, Muresk, Narrikup, Nangeenan, Nannup, Narrogin, Northam, Northampton, North Dandalup, Nukarni, Nungarin, Nyamup, Newlands, Palgarup, Parkerville, Pemberton, Perenjori, Peringillup, Preston Valley, Pinjarra, Pingelly, Picton Junction, Popanyinning, Quairading, Quindalup, Quininup, Ravenswood, Roelands, Rosa Brook, Rosa Glen, Sawyers Valley, Serpentine, Shotts, Spencer's Brook, Southern Cross, Stratham, Swan Valley, Tambellup, Tammin, Toodyay, Torbay, Trayning, Tuttenup, Vasse, Wagerup, Wagin, Waroona, Waterloo, Wickpin, Wilga, Williams, Witchcliffe, Wonnerup, Woogenellup, Woodanilling, Wooroloo, Wokalup, Wundowie, Worsley, Wyalkatchem, Yallingup, Yanchep, Yelverton, Yarloop, York, Yornaning, Yornup, Yunderup, Yorkrakine.

(a) and (b)

First	12 units per month	5-80 cents per unit
Next	12 " " "	4-10 " "
Next	4,976 " " "	2-70 " "
Next	135,000 " " "	1-85 " "
Next	360,000 " " "	1-65 " "
All over 500,000	" " "	1-40 " "

- (3) No. Supplies to country areas overall result in a loss to the commission. The losses are not assessed for each town and district.
- (4) 1963—Profit, \$1,189,754.
1964—Profit, \$1,150,336.
1965—Profit, \$1,594,998.
1966—Profit, \$2,018,212.
1967—Figures not yet available.
- (5) It is the intention to extend the commission's central system as far as is economically feasible at the commission's standard and uniform country tariff.

VETERINARIANS

Number Employed, and Resignations

3. The Hon. N. McNEILL asked the Minister for Mines:

- (1) How many veterinary officers are at present employed in the Department of Agriculture, and is this number considered to be adequate to meet the demand for veterinary services in Western Australia?
- (2) How many veterinary officers have resigned from the department during the two years 1965-66 and 1966-67?
- (3) What reasons have been advanced for such resignations?
- (4) How many veterinary cadets are at present being trained under departmental sponsorship, and in which veterinary schools or universities?

The Hon. A. F. GRIFFITH replied:

- (1) There are at present 23 veterinarians employed in the various sections of the animal division of the Department of Agriculture. This number is not considered to be adequate to meet the demand for veterinary services in Western Australia.
- (2) 1965-66—3.
1966-67—3.
- (3) One officer became a university professor in the United States, and one went to a commercial organisation in the Eastern States; two went into private practice, and two left to undertake postgraduate courses at the Queensland and Melbourne Universities.
- (4) 25—5 cadets are at present in first year at the University of Western Australia, whilst the remainder are at the University of Queensland.

SCHOOLS

Cleaning Materials

4. The Hon. J. DOLAN asked the Minister for Mines:

- (1) What cleaning materials are supplied to—
(a) Government schools; and
(b) private schools?
- (2) What section of the Education Act or of the regulations provides for this?
- (3) Is the Minister aware that some private schools receiving these materials would prefer alternative free stock?
- (4) Will he give consideration to replacing any cleaning material which is returned by schools to the department with toilet paper of an equivalent value?

The Hon. A. F. GRIFFITH replied:

(1) Cleaning Materials:

Government and Non-Government Primary Schools

General cleaning materials, etc.

Hair brooms—2 for schools with up to 1,000 square feet of floor space used for classroom purposes. After that, 1 per 1,000 square feet.

Bass core brooms—issued in lieu of hair brooms if required.

Yard brooms—1 per 100 children up to a maximum of 4.

Millet brooms—as required—maximum of 4.

Cobweb brooms—1 per school.

Scrub brushes, hand brushes, sanitary brushes—1 of each per 500 square feet of classroom floor space. (Maximum of 12 of each type.)

Mops (14 oz. mops; coloured mops)—1 per 500 square feet of floor space. (Maximum of 12.) Coloured mops should be requested in lieu of 14 oz. mops where floors are to have floor oil applications.

Handles, brooms and mops—One- and two-teacher schools—1 handle for every hair broom and mop requested; larger schools—1 handle for every 2 hair brooms and mops requested.

Handles, clip-on—maximum of 2 per school.

Soap—household and Sanoper—1 of each per 500 square feet of floor space (maximum of 12 of each).

Dettol—One 8 oz. bottle per 4 cleaners.

Detergent—1 gallon for 100 to 300 children; 2 gallons for 300 to 600 children.

Toilet cleaner—maximum of 12 (depending on size of school).

Floor polish—as required up to a maximum of 6 jars (for polishing of desks and chairs).

Brasso, cleaning paste, cleaning powder—as required up to a maximum of 12 of each.

Cloth dusters—3 per cleaner.

Buckets (3 gallon)—1 per cleaner.

Dustpans—1 per cleaner.

Government and Non-Government Secondary Schools

Cleaning materials (with exception of items marked * which are for supply to Government schools only).

Hair brooms—1 per 1,000 square feet of floor spaces.

Bass core brooms—issued in lieu of hair brooms if required.

Yard brooms—1 per 100 children up to a maximum of 4.

Millet brooms—as required (max-

imum of 12). Schools with enrolment under 600 maximum of 6 (or issued in lieu of hair brooms—if required).

Cobweb brooms—up to 6 per school if required.

Scrub brushes, hand brushes, sanitary brushes—1 of each per 500 square feet of classroom floor space (maximum of 12 of each type).

Mop (14 oz. mops; coloured mops)—1 per 500 square feet of floor space (maximum of 12).

(Coloured mops should be requested in lieu of 14 oz. mops where floors are to have floor oil applications.)

Handles, brooms and mops—1 handle for every two brooms or mops requested.

Handles, clip-on—maximum of 2 per school.

Soap—household and Sanoper—1 of each per 500 square feet of floor space (maximum of 12 of each).

Dettol—One 8 oz. bottle per 4 cleaners.

Detergent—1 gallon for 100 to 300 students; 2 gallons for 300 to 600 students; 3 gallons for 600 to 900 students.

Toilet cleaner—up to a maximum of 30 tins per school. Schools under 600 students—12 tins.

*Toilet paper (Government schools only)—1 gross per 200 children.

Brasso, cleaning paste, cleaning powder—as required up to a maximum of 24 tins per school of each item. Schools under 600 students 12 tins of each (maximum).

Cloth dusters—up to 6 per cleaner.

Buckets (3 gallon)—1 per cleaner.

Dustpans—1 per cleaner.

(2) Sections 9 and 9A of the Education Act.

(3) No.

(4) This will not be necessary as toilet paper is to become a free issue to all schools.

TRAFFIC

Flaw in Act

5. The Hon. W. F. WILLESEE asked the Minister for Mines:

(1) Has the Minister for Police seen the report in *The West Australian* dated the 29th July, 1967, headed "Flaw Seen in Traffic Act," in which Magistrate Syme said he would leave the matter for the authorities to work out?

(2) If he has seen such report, what action does he propose in this matter?

The Hon. A. F. GRIFFITH replied:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The matter is under consideration and the honourable member will be advised further at a later date.

STREETS

Closures in Metropolitan Area

6. The Hon. J. DOLAN asked the Minister for Mines:

- (1) Are there any streets in the metropolitan area the closures of which have been proclaimed but which are still open for traffic?
- (2) If the answer to (1) is "Yes"—
 - (a) what are these streets and where are they situated;
 - (b) when were their closures proclaimed?

The Hon. A. F. GRIFFITH replied:

- (1) and (2) Not to my knowledge. However, Parliament has agreed to the following roads being closed, subject to proclamation pursuant to powers conveyed by Road Closure Acts:—
 - (i) Section 8 of Act No. 86 of 1956—closure of the public road known as University Avenue in the City of Subiaco.
 - (ii) Section 12 of Act No. 74 of 1961—closure of portion of public road known as Harvest Terrace in the City of Perth.
 - (iii) Section 2 of Act No. 86 of 1965—closure of portion of public road known as Verdun Street in the City of Nedlands.

POTATOES

Licenses and Acreages

7. The Hon. V. J. FERRY asked the Minister for Mines:

- (1) What were the totals of increased licenses granted to potato growers by the Western Australian Potato Marketing Board for each of the potato growing districts for the 12 months period ended the 30th June, 1967?
- (2) During this period—
 - (a) how many established growers were granted increased acreages;
 - (b) how many new growers were granted licenses; and
 - (c) what were the total acreages of cancelled growers' licenses for each district?

The Hon. A. F. GRIFFITH replied:

- (1) and (2) The information requested is being sought; it will require considerable analysis of the board's records and will be made available as soon as possible.

EGGS

Licensing of Poultry Farmers

8. The Hon. J. DOLAN asked the Minister for Mines:

- (1) Does the Government intend to license poultry farmers in order to control the supply of eggs?
- (2) If so, when will the implementing legislation be introduced?

The Hon. A. F. GRIFFITH replied:

- (1) and (2) Stabilisation in the egg industry currently operates on a Commonwealth-wide basis under the C.E.M.A. plan (i.e., Council of Egg Marketing Authorities) and consequently the licensing of producers to control production would require uniform legislation in all States. Legislation cannot be considered until this agreement is reached.

ONIONS

Winding-up of Board

9. The Hon. V. J. FERRY asked the Minister for Mines:

- (1) In view of the result of the referendum amongst onion growers to abolish the Western Australian Onion Marketing Board, what procedure is being taken to wind up the affairs of the board?
- (2) What is the present position of growers, not previously marketing onions through the board who wish to grow onions for sale?

The Hon. A. F. GRIFFITH replied:

- (1) Regulations have been drafted in accordance with the Marketing of Onions Act for the purpose of winding up the Western Australian Onion Marketing Board. These regulations, if approved, will go into operation on the day on which formal announcement is made of the result of the poll taken under section 10 of the Act on the 19th July, 1967. It is expected that it will be within three weeks.
- (2) There are no restrictions relating to growers who wish to grow onions for sale.

HOUSING

Position in Manjimup

10. The Hon. V. J. FERRY asked the Minister for Mines:

In regard to the Manjimup area—

- (1) What is the present total number of completed houses, flats, or other units, built by the State Housing Commission?
- (2) How many are currently under construction?

- (3) What additional home buildings are programmed for 1967-68?
- (4) Of the completed and incomplete home buildings under the control of the State Housing Commission how many are—
 - (a) purchase homes;
 - (b) rental homes?
- (5) How many applications for housing are current?
- (6) What has been the rate of turn-over of tenants for each calendar year from 1962 to 1966, and for the period the 1st January to the 31st July, 1967?

The Hon. A. F. GRIFFITH replied:

- (1) Commonwealth and State Housing Agreement—182.
State Housing Act—39.
In addition to these there are 19 war service homes, two Government Employees Housing Authority homes, two dwellings for other Government departments, in Manjimup.
- (2) Nil.
- (3) One duplex home with Commonwealth-State funds.
- (4) (a) 130.
(b) 91.
- (5) 29. This figure will be reduced by five new houses completed on the 1st August, 1967, not finally allocated, and two existing homes vacated on the same date.
- (6) 1962—12.
1963—12.
1964—8.
1965—11.
1966—25.
1967—11 from the 1st January to the 31st July.

DEPUTY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES

Election

THE HON. A. F. GRIFFITH (North Metropolitan—Minister for Mines [4.57 p.m.): I move—

That in accordance with Standing Order No. 31a, the following members be elected to act as Deputy Chairmen of Committees during the present session, viz.: The Hon. A. R. Jones, The Hon. F. R. H. Lavery, and The Hon. F. D. Willmott.

Question put and passed.

COMMITTEES FOR THE SESSION

Election

The following sessional committees were elected on motions by The Hon. A. F. Griffith (Minister for Mines):—

Standing Orders.—The Hon. H. K. Watson, The Hon. J. M. Thomson, and The Hon. E. M. Heenan.

Library.—The Hon. J. G. Hislop, and The Hon. R. F. Hutchison.

House.—The Hon. H. R. Robinson, The Hon. S. T. J. Thompson, The Hon. F. R. H. Lavery, and The Hon. J. Dolan.

Printing.—The Hon. R. H. C. Stubbs, and The Hon. E. C. House.

SUPPLY BILL

Standing Orders Suspension

THE HON. A. F. GRIFFITH (North Metropolitan—Minister for Mines) [5 p.m.): I move—

That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended so as to enable a Supply Bill to be taken on receipt of a message from the Legislative Assembly and to have precedence each day before the Address-in-Reply, and to be passed through all stages at any one sitting.

I would like briefly to say to the House that this is the customary motion moved at this time of the year in order to provide an opportunity for the first Supply Bill of the session to be dealt with by the House before the Address-in-Reply is completed.

The ordinary activities of the Address-in-Reply debate have been slightly interrupted in another way by the Leader of the Opposition, but I am not anxious to rush the Supply Bill through as members may wish to avail themselves of the opportunity to speak to the measure. Therefore I propose to introduce it and then simply agree to the normal adjournment in order that time may be given to members to address themselves to the Bill, if they so desire.

THE HON. W. F. WILLESEE (North-East Metropolitan—Leader of the Opposition) [5.2 p.m.): I thank the Minister for Mines for his explanation of this motion. It is appreciated that we will have the opportunity to adjourn the debate. We on this side of the House will not take advantage of this for more than one day; and, in a spirit of compromise, I am wondering whether the Minister might be able to delegate someone else to read his second reading speech because he is suffering from an obvious disability at the moment.

Question put and passed.

Receipt and First Reading

Bill received from the Assembly; and, on motion by The Hon. A. F. Griffith (Minister for Mines), read a first time.

Second Reading

THE HON. A. F. GRIFFITH (North Metropolitan—Minister for Mines) [5.4 p.m.): I move—

That the Bill be now read a second time.

I appreciate the offer or suggestion put forward by Mr. Willesee. However, I will not avail myself of that suggestion. Perhaps I am a little hoarse from answering the questions members have asked on a number of subjects. However, the speech

I will make in presenting this Bill will not be very long and I think I will be able to get to the end of it without any real difficulty.

In presenting this Bill for the consideration of members, I desire, at the outset, to reflect that the financial year just concluded finished in the Treasury with a balanced Budget, to all intents and purposes, for the Government came within \$27,000 of a balanced Budget last year. On present indications, there are good prospects for the Treasurer budgeting this year for a deficit of manageable proportions without recourse to substantial increases in taxation or other charges.

Although there have been several changes recently in the formula governing the disbursement of financial assistance grants to the States which have raised these payments by the Commonwealth, the incidence of rising costs, particularly as a consequence of substantial increases in salary and wage rates, continues to present major financial problems to all the States.

Additionally, there is the pressure on State Budgets, which increases as the standard of living rises and the wealth of the nation increases. Quite obviously, an increase in prosperity brings with it demands for expanded and improved services, and these demands increase at a faster rate than the revenues of the States.

The Treasurer, when introducing this measure in another place, expressed the view that it had become apparent that all the States in general would have to take steps to enlarge their resources because of these factors. In our case, there will, however, be the benefit of a full year's return from revenue-producing measures passed by Parliament last year, and it is not contemplated any marked degree of additional revenue-raising effort will be required in this State during the current financial year.

I interpolate here to give Mr. Strickland in advance some idea of what the answer will be to the question he raised this afternoon. Of course, when I give him the answer formally tomorrow, it must be in the negative.

The revenue Budget and the Loan Estimates are in course of preparation and will be presented to Parliament in due course in the Legislative Assembly. Then, at a later stage in the session, the usual Appropriation Bill will be introduced.

In the meantime, it is necessary to introduce a measure of this nature in order that funds might be provided to carry on the services of the State, and this is the purpose of the Bill now before members.

The sum of money being sought through the introduction of this Supply Bill represents the estimated requirements for the first three months of this financial year, and this follows the normal pattern developed over the years.

An amount of \$48,000,000 is being sought by this Bill in respect of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and \$15,000,000 in respect of the General Loan Fund. These amounts exceed the provisions in last year's Supply Bill, which was introduced at this stage of the session, by \$6,000,000 and \$1,000,000, respectively. As I indicated earlier, the increased sums now being sought are needed in order to meet the general currently higher cost of Government services and the expansion of those services.

There is provision in the Bill also for an issue of \$5,000,000 from the Public Account to enable the Treasurer to make such temporary advances as may be necessary to carry on the services of the State. This amount is identical with that approved last year when Parliament passed the 1966 Supply Bill.

I conclude, Mr. President, by remarking that full details of proposed transactions on both the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the General Loan Fund will be available to members when the Estimates are presented to Parliament, in another place. I do not see any necessity for me to elaborate further on this measure.

Debate adjourned, on motion by The Hon. W. F. Willesee (Leader of the Opposition).

House adjourned at 5.9 p.m.

Legislative Assembly

Wednesday, the 2nd August, 1967

The SPEAKER (Mr. Hearman) took the Chair at 4.30 p.m., and read prayers.

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Ministerial Statement

MR. BOVELL (Vasse—Minister for Lands) [4.33 p.m.]: With your permission, Mr. Speaker, I should like to table the cover of the future telephone directory of Western Australia which was sent to me today through the courtesy of the Deputy Director of Posts and Telegraphs in Western Australia. The cover depicts a scene in the district of the member for Warren, but its main purpose is in connection with bush fires. The wording is, "Take Care. Prevent Fire." It is a warning and, I think, quite a timely one which will be on every telephone directory in Western Australia. Everyone should be aware of the need to see that fire does not take control.

The paper was tabled.

QUESTIONS (45): ON NOTICE HOUSING

Midland: Applications and Waiting Period

1. Mr. BRADY asked the Minister for Housing: